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SUBJECT: STUDY TO AUTOMATE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF EMBASSY LETTER TO TRANSPORT
AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER GEORGE VOYATZIS, DATED
JULY 14, 1976 QUOTE

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

IN CONNECTION WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF
ITS INTEREST IN AUTOMATING THE GREEK AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
SYSTEM, I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE
U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) HAS OFFERED TO
SEND EXPERTS TO ATHENS TO DISCUSS WITH THE RESPONSIBLE
TECHNICIANS OF THE HELLENIC CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY THE
POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THE
NECESSARY TECHNICAL STUDIES. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE FAA
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OPERATES MORE FULLY AUTOMATED AIRPORT TRAFFIC SYSTEMS

THAN ANY OTHER AGENCY IN THE WORLD AND IT IS THE ONLY
GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT HAS DEVELOPED AND TESTED COMPLETE
OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS. FOR THIS REASON WE BELIEVE THAT
THIS OFFER MIGHT PROVE OF INTEREST TO YOU AT THE PRESENT
TIME. THE EMBASSY MAINTAINS REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE
FAA AND WILL BE HAPPY TO CONVEY TO THE FAA YOUR RESPONSE.
WHETHER OR NOT YOU ACCEPT THIS SPECIFIC OFFER, PLEASE BE
ASSURED THAT THE FAA IS READY TO CONTINUE THE CLOSE
ASSOCIATION IT HAS FORMED OVER THE YEARS WITH THE
HELLENIC CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. PLEASE DO NOT
HESITATE TO CALL ME IF I CAN BE OF ANY ADDITIONAL
SERVICE.

SIGNED RICHARD BENEDICK, COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC
AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS. UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS
AVAILABLE ON POSSIBLE FAA ROLE IN GREEK ATC AUTOMATION
PROJECT.

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